Destie Overpeck Appointed Administrative Director of DWC

Oakland—The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) is pleased to announce that Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. has appointed Destie Overpeck as administrative director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC).

“It is with great pleasure that we announce the choice of Destie Overpeck as administrative director, and we congratulate her on this well-deserved appointment,” said Christine Baker, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). DWC is a division of DIR.

Overpeck has been acting administrative director since 2012, overseeing DWC’s diverse programs and managing a staff of more than 1,000 and a budget of $197 million. She has overseen the division’s implementation of Senate Bill 863, the landmark workers’ compensation reform that took effect at the beginning of 2013.

Prior to taking the reins as administrative director, Overpeck was DWC chief counsel since 2005 and served as industrial relations counsel III from 2000 to 2005. She was an attorney and partner at Cullom, Burland, Bacon and Overpeck from 1986 to 2000 and an associate at LaFollette, Johnson, Schroeder and DeHaas from 1984 to 1986. Overpeck earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

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